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SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant's Attorney hereby requests an extension of time until January 19, 2003 for filing a response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002 in the above-identified patent application.

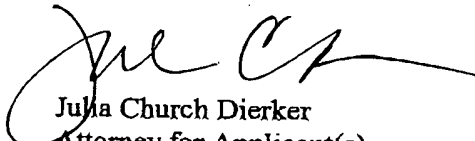
Please charge Applicant's Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2100 for the requisite \$55.00 extension of time fee.

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Respectfully submitted,

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